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U.S. Department of Energy
Idaho Operation Office
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Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1216

RE: Extension Request Letter for V-Tanks Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan,
Addendum 3 for Phase 2 Chemical Oxidation Treatment of V-Tanks Contents for Waste
Area Group 1, Operable Unit 1-10-(FMDP-FFA/CO-05-128)

Dear Ms. Hain:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received the above-cited letter on February 25. DOE is requesting an extension to the Addendum 3 Phase 2 treatment schedule (chemical oxidation) for VOC treatment if Phase 1 treatment (sparging) proves unsuccessful. The original milestone of March 31, 2005 would be moved to December 31, 2005.

Although sparging is desired due to its simplicity and cost savings, it has not yet started. Furthermore, if proven unsuccessful, the current schedule to commence chemical oxidation treatment by March 31 after RD/RAWP Phase 2 document review and approval by the agencies is obviously unrealistic.

Therefore, DEQ approves your request to extend the Phase 2 treatment milestone from March 31 to December 31, 2005 in order to accommodate potential use of chem.-ox treatment. It is noted that the overall schedule for tank and contents removal via sparging is still 18 months ahead of the project schedule, and if chem.-ox is used, would be 6 months earlier than the October 2006 projection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daryl F. Koch".

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